

REMARKS

Drawing Objections

Applicants have concurrently submitted a drawing amendment to correspond with specification corrections indicated above.

Allowable Subject Matter

The preset Office Action indicates that Claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim 15 and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter and have rewritten independent Claim 15 to add the elements and limitations of Claim 18.

The present Office Action also indicates that Claims 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. As indicated above, Applicants respectfully assert that the Claims do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, and the claimed subject matter is described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one ordinarily skilled in the relevant art sufficient information to practice the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that present claimed invention does overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph, set forth in the present Office Action.

The previous Office Action also indicates that Claims 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter and have rewritten previous

independent Claim 8 as a new independent Claim 21 with added elements and limitations of Claim 12. As indicated above, Applicants respectfully assert that the Claims do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, and the claimed subject matter is described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one ordinarily skilled in the relevant art sufficient information to practice the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that present claimed invention does overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph, set forth in the present Office Action.

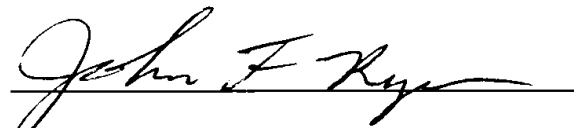
CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims. The examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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